

# International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society

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In order to strengthen the scientific partnership between the University of Padua, the University of Eastern Piedmont and the International University of Rabat, and to promote academic training and scientific cooperation between the countries of Europe and the Islamic world within the activities of the international scientific project PriMED, it has been recently activated, for the academic year 2021-2022, the first edition of the International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society-IMRPGS.



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA



Université Internationale de Rabat

## PRESENTATION

The idea of the "International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society- IMRPGS" was born within the framework of a consolidated scientific cooperation, thanks to the PriMED network (composed of 22 universities: 12 Italian and 10 belonging to the OIC-Organization of Islamic Cooperation <https://primed-miur.it>), founded within the framework of the action of the "Prevention and Interaction Project in the Trans-Mediterranean- Space" PriMED, which was financed through the Call for Applications of the Italian Ministry of University and Research - MUR-OCI-2018 "Creation of networks of Italian universities in the implementation of cooperation agreements between Italian universities and those of OIC-Organization of Islamic Cooperation States" (Executive Decree No. 3089 of 16/11/2018 - ID 82382). The intense framework of the scientific activities of the PriMED Project, but also the various actions addressed to the public sectors and civil society (the professional training of various professional categories, including those of a religious nature, its training activities aimed at a wider public concerning the phenomenon of violent radicalisation and strategies to combat it), have promoted the development of this international study path, involving three units of the PriMED network, with the collaboration of professors from other units in other countries. The project also enhances the experience of three rounds (2017-2020) of the "Master in Religions, Politics and Citizenship" (<https://irc-fidr.it/master-religions-politics-and-citizenship/>), implemented by the University of Eastern Piedmont and the University of Padua, with the collaboration of the Instituto de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores de Granada. The new didactic proposal, the IMRPGS, in fact, is conceived as the continuation of this last Master, but brought to a higher degree of internationalization with the entry of the International University of Rabat.

## OBJECTIVES AND TARGET AUDIENCE

The International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society aims to advance an educational proposal closely linked to an original interdisciplinary scientific activity, which outlines a set of skills to feed paths of generalized good practices. The didactic program aims to equip students with the methodological tools necessary to access the world of knowledge of philosophy and social, human and political sciences with the aim of understanding and analyzing the complex relationship between religion and politics in the context of globalized societies and its correlation with issues of citizenship, freedoms, pluralism, development and social peace. The Master's program also pays particular attention to the social and cultural presence of Islam in Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, particularly with regard to the current major geopolitical and international issues, in order to train researchers, as well as consultants in public and private administrations, managers and supervisors in the fields of civil society, social services and cultural mediation as well as education executives in the fields related to the Master's disciplines. The Master's program also aims to train researchers in political philosophy, social sciences, and religious thought, by following the scientific method that entitles them to approach issues of cultural pluralism, religious coexistence and Islamic movements in Europe and the Arab world, and allows them to manage difference, diversity and co-existence, by adopting a critical, multidisciplinary and intercultural approach. These skills therefore lend themselves to being valued (not only in the sectors already indicated, but also in the sphere of NGOs) allowing graduates to exercise not only executive functions but also planning, intervention, action research and training, which are particularly relevant for agencies operating in the field of relations between Europe and Arab-Muslim countries.

## PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH

The Master's programme provides for the use of educationally innovative teaching methods based on:

- The evaluation of the knowledge and experience developed by the student, in accordance with the theoretical model of "community practice".
- Evaluation of work experiences and daily life.
- The effective participation of students according to the "cooperative learning" approach.

To achieve these objectives, the International Master in Religion, Politics and Global Society- IMRPGS brings together a faculty composed of eminent professors from the University of Padua, the University of Eastern Piedmont and the International University of Rabat as well as professors from other Arab and European universities.

## A PATH TO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WITH A DUAL-DEGREE

At the end of the study path, students who have completed the activities, fulfilled their obligations and passed the final exam, will receive two Master's degrees:

- Master's of 1st level: "INTERNATIONAL MASTER IN RELIGION, POLITICS AND GLOBAL SOCIETY- IMRPGS"; granted jointly by the University of Eastern Piedmont and the University of Padua, of 60 university credits (ECTS) in accordance with Decree 22.10.2004 n. 270. (1 ECTS = 25 hours).
- Executive Master's: "INTERNATIONAL MASTER IN RELIGION, POLITICS AND GLOBAL SOCIETY – IMRPGS", granted by the International University of Rabat, authorized by the Moroccan Ministry of Higher Education to issue the Executive Master Certification under license No. 01/390 to 22/11/2011.

## PARTNER ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

### UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN PIEDMONT "AMEDEO-AVOGADRO"

The University of Eastern Piedmont is a leading Italian public university. In addition to its eminent scientific committee, it is also characterized by the extent of its branches, established in the cities of Alessandria, Novara and Vercelli. Founded in 1998, its very discontinuous history can be traced back to a medieval Studium of Vercelli, on April 4, 1228. The modern history of the University of Eastern Piedmont begins when a joint initiative launched by the Great Hospital of Vercelli and the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Turin led to the establishment of parallel university courses in Vercelli and, shortly thereafter, in Novara. The official birth of the University of Eastern Piedmont "Amedeo Avogadro", after a period of didactic activity under the aegis of the University of Turin, dates to July 30, 1998.

### UNIVERSITY OF PADUA

The University of Padua is a leading, leading research university that has been the engine of global change since its founding in 1222. True to its motto *Universa Universis Patavina Libertas* (the freedom of Padua is universal for everyone), it has always been a bastion of free thought, study and research. For eight centuries, students, researchers and elders have made key contributions to the advancement of knowledge, science and society: Nicolaus Copernicus and Galileo Galilei are among the fathers of modern science, Andreas Vesalius and William Harvey founded modern medicine and Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia became the first woman in the world to graduate in 1678. The University of Padua is today a multidisciplinary institution with 8 schools and 32 departments offering a wide and complete portfolio of programs, ranging from engineering to commercial and political sciences, from medicine to humanities, from psychology to agriculture, from law to science. Some departments are in the city center of Padua. Other research and teaching facilities are located in various cities of the Veneto region, such as Vicenza, Treviso, Rovigo, Chioggia-Venice, etc. lasting relationships and growing personally, academically and professionally. Graduates are global citizens who succeed in all professional fields and bring their expertise and dedication to excellence in the world. A degree from the University of Padua is recognized as a prestigious achievement in the labour market worldwide. The University is also the academic and cultural heart of Italy's industrious northeast, offering highly specialized training to the region's more than 5 million inhabitants and its 400000 companies, a role made possible by its extensive network of campuses located throughout the Veneto Region.

### INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF RABAT

The International University of Rabat is a model of innovative University, which is today a benchmark both nationally and internationally. The UIR is the first Moroccan university to be created as part of a partnership with the Moroccan state in the field of higher education. This partnership allows it to work towards achieving its objectives of excellence, training, research and participation in the socio-economic development of Morocco and the African continent. The strength of the commitment of the UIR's international academic partners allows us to offer Moroccan and foreign students high-level training which, leads some to receive a double degree. The International University of Rabat considers partnerships based on trust and mutual respect, and based on the convergence of ambitions, interests and vision, towards excellence, innovation and social and economic progress. Since its creation in September 2010, the International University of Rabat currently has partnerships with 146 universities in 37 countries on five continents, including 40 Erasmus + partnerships that are all active. These partnerships relate to student and faculty mobility, research, and in certain specific cases, dual degrees.

## CENTRE FOR INTERUNIVERSITY RESEARCH, INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON RELIGIONS AND DEMOCRACY (FIDR)

With a view to collaboration between universities, civil society, public institutions and cultural associations, the FIDR Interuniversity Centre an inter-university structure that belongs to the Italian public academic system, reflects on the role assumed by religions in European liberal democracies and addresses in an interdisciplinary way the issues of coexistence in societies with a high rate of ethno-national and religious pluralism. The conviction that the secular state does not mean indifference to the religious phenomenon requires reflection on the complex dynamics between secular humanism and religious humanism present in different forms in various continents. The objective of the FIDR Centre is therefore to study the dynamics of pluralistic societies and to seek the preconditions for a shared ethos capable of ensuring sufficient social cohesion. The various projects developed within the FIDR focus on a series of issues such as: the new frontiers of secularism; shared values in a multicultural society; problems of loyalty between the state and religious and cultural realities; the economic costs of diversity; the foundations of social peace.

<https://irc-fidr.it>

## CENTRE FOR GLOBAL STUDIES (CGS)

The Center for Global Studies (CGS) is a research entity of the International University of Rabat attached to the College of Law, Political & Social Sciences. Its academic reflections and research activities are rooted in a world of change and variation; where the local affects the global as never before and vice versa. The variety of disciplines of the team of permanent researchers makes it possible to cross-analyze the entangled issues within the complexity reality. Legal, anthropological, sociological and political approaches are thus all presented and methods applied amid the turbulence of temporal acceleration, spatial reduction and the virtualization of a hyper-fluid world(s). The contributions of the Center for Global Studies (CGS) prioritize collaboration among colleagues for research in the humanities and social sciences. This takes place through a platform where collaborative research is promoted and which also engages in applied research with the various institutional and international partners. The Center for Global Studies (CGS) finally stimulates academic productions through doctoral research activities, visits of African and international researchers, academic practice as well as the various tools dedicated to scientific publications. The CGS of the College of Humanities of the International University of Rabat therefore intends to profile itself as a structure of excellence in Humanities and Social Sciences within a university anchored in an international research network. The Centre aims to become a reference in the field of research on the southern shore of the Mediterranean. Based on a multidisciplinary field of expertise of forty (40) permanent researchers, doctoral students and associate researchers, the Centre intends to build a multidisciplinary community dynamic in favour of research and joint publications.

<https://www.uir.ac.ma/fr/pole/Center-for-Global-Studies>

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# MASTER'S PROGRAMME

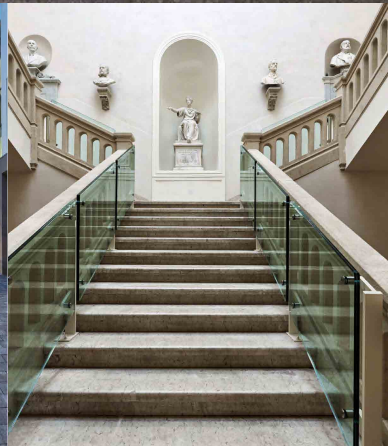
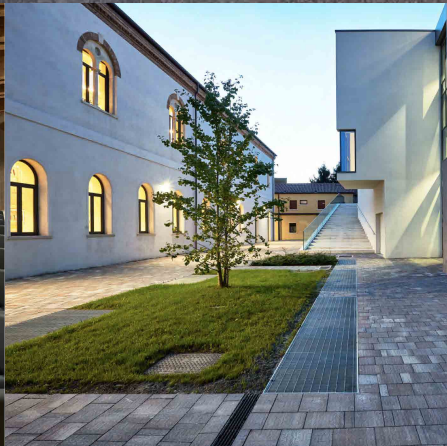
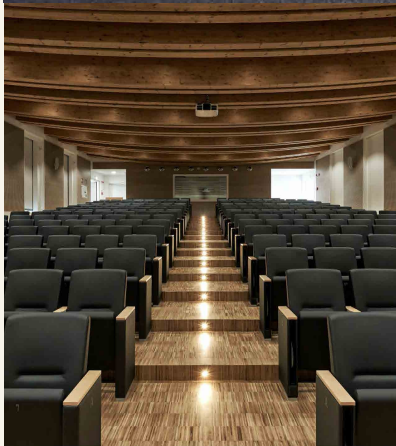
The Master's program consists of 12 modules distributed as follows:

- Socio-anthropology of Religion and Politics (6 ECTS)
- History and philosophy of religions (4 ECTS)
- Political Philosophy and History of Political thought (2 ECTS)
- Religion and Law in Contemporary Societies (4 ECTS)
- Islamic Studies and Plural societies (4 ECTS)
- Globalization Processes (6 ECTS)
- Cultural Diversity, Religious Pluralism and Intercultural Mediation (2ECTS)
- Religions and Migration (3CFU)
- Religion, Market and New Media (3 ECTS)
- Religion, State, and Civil Society (6 ECTS)
- Religious Extremism and Violence in the Contemporary world (7 ECTS)
- Political Science: Introduction to Future Studies (2 ECTS)

## Teaching methods

Teaching is carried out using different teaching methods with a participatory approach and according to a hybrid system. The didactic activities (lessons, seminars and workshops) are therefore structured on two learning tools: classroom and e-learning platform (Moodle system, zoom video conferences, social network). Three actors are involved: teacher, tutor and student. Distance teaching activities are also provided (e-learning, social network). It is organized in presence (according to the formula of weeks in full immersion) and remotely.

	ECTS	Total Hours
<b>Modules</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1.225</b>
<b>Hands-on learning (Project work)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Examinations, Research Thesis and Defense</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1500</b>



## THE NEW CAMPUS OF THE HUMAN SCIENCES UNIVERSITY OF PADUA

## CONDITION OF APPLICATION

- The students must be in possession of a university degree: License or Bachelor's degree (or equivalent)
- A sufficient knowledge of English and Arabic for the course activities.
- It is considered an asset to be employed in public or private bodies or organizations and/or to be engaged in voluntary work (secular or religious), particularly in the field of intercultural and social dialogue.

## FOR WHOM IS THIS MASTER?

The Master is dedicated to any person that is interested in the subjects of the program, from all disciplines (Bachelor or license degree holders).

## WHEN?

The Master is completed in one academic year beginning in December 2021

## LANGUAGES OF THE MASTER

Teaching at the master's level is based on Arabic as the main language, with courses and lectures in English. Regarding the work of the research thesis and the Workshop, the student can choose between Arabic and English, or both, compatibly with the working language of the supervisor chosen from the list of faculty of this Master.

## CREDITS

The Master consists of 60 credits (ECTS) (according to the European Standard System).

## APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

- Application form (downloadable from partner university websites) duly completed and signed.
- Copy of University degree(s).
- Curriculum Vitae (signed).
- Passport copy.

The application form, accompanied by the required documents, must be sent to the International University of Rabat by email:

**master-imrpgs@uir.ac.ma**



## APPLICATION DEADLINE

September 09, 2021, 12:00 p.m. (Rome time)



## APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- Registration form (downloadable from partner university websites) duly completed and signed.
- University Degree (License or Bachelor's Degree or equivalent; min. 3 years), legalized by the Consular Service of the Embassy of Italy in the country where the degree was issued (if the certificate is not issued by an Italian university institution).
- Italian translation of the University Degree legalized by the Consular Service of the Embassy of Italy in the country where the degree was issued.
- Certificate of "Value" of University Degree, called: "Dichiarazione del valore del titolo di studio" issued by the Consular Service of the Embassy of Italy of the country of residence.
- Passport copy.



## REGISTRATION AND TUITION FEES

The registration and tuition fees for the course are set at € 6000 (to which € 32 must be added for the two tax stamps applicable on the application for registration and on the diploma of the Italian Master). The fees include the full master's academic programme, teaching materials, access to the IMRPGS e-learning platform for the duration of the programme and other costs related to the implementation of the programme.

Registration and tuition fees are to be paid to the International University of Rabat.

### Bank Account Numbers

BIC (SWIFT code) of the main bank: RDGCMAMRXXX

#### ▪ Transfer from Morocco:

Bank: CDG Capital

Bank account: 054-810-0101001200359016-56

Beneficiary: UIR FMSH

#### ▪ Transfer from abroad:

IBAN: MA64054810010100120035901656

Beneficiary: UIR FMSH

### Foreign bank details:

#### ▪ EURO

Name of the Intermediate Bank: CREDIT AGRICOLE

City of the Intermediate Bank: PARIS

BIC (SWIFT code) of the intermediary bank: AGRIFRPPXXX

#### ▪ USD

Name of the Intermediary Bank: Standard Chartered NY

City of Intermediate Bank: NEW YORK

BIC (SWIFT code) of the intermediary bank: SCBLUS33XXX

## FINANCIAL AID

According to art. 10 and art. 11 of the agreement between the three partner universities in this Master, the International University of Rabat, manages the aspects relating to registration fees and financial assistance. Scholarships are awarded to certain students on the basis of merit and economic conditions, to cover all or part of the registration fees.

Candidates must produce evidence of academic excellence and evidence of socio-economic needs. The financial support programmes will be of two types: A) Full coverage of university tuition fees: (€6000); B) Partial coverage of 50% of the registration fee (€3000). A study prize of € 1000 is awarded to the student with the highest score.

It should be noted that the decision on the scholarships will be taken by a committee which will assess the scholarship applications independently from the normal registration procedures. Any request for a scholarship requires a procedure specific to the committee. In the event that the scholarship is not awarded, the committee is not held responsible for the candidate's return to the admitted list or to the same position in case of the candidates who are on the waiting list. The committee cannot also be held responsible for the impossibility of registration and does not have to justify its selection criteria or its non-award of scholarships.

The scholarship application form (downloadable from UIR website) must be sent to the International University of Rabat by e-mail: **master-imrpgs@uir.ac.ma**

## ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS AND MANAGEMENT

The University of Piedmont Oriental, in accordance with its rules of procedure as well as university regulations in general, manages the IMRPGS Master administratively. It takes care of the educational path of the students and collaborates with the International University of Rabat collecting applications from interested parties and applications for registration.

## PLACE OF EDUCATION

The master is accomplished at the University of Padua. The student has the choice between residing in the city of Padua and therefore benefiting from his university space, interacting with his students and masters, and studying at a distance but with the obligation to follow the face-to-face lessons for two weeks (according to the formula full immersion), at the beginning and at the end of the master's program.

## CONTACT

For more information, please contact the email:

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